

Prince William Sound RCAC's...

THE **SOUND APPROACH**

e-newsletter for Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council

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Citizens promoting environmentally safe operation of the Alyeska terminal and associated tankers

DID YOU KNOW?

A total solar eclipse is happening this March 29. As an alternative to seeing it in person (you'd have to go to Turkey, Egypt, or thereabouts), you can check out [Exploratorium's Solar Eclipse Web cast](#). On their site, discover what to watch for during an eclipse, how to view one, and more. See also [NASA's eclipse page](#). The next total solar eclipse to pass over Alaska will be in March 2033.

A SOUND APPROACH TO...

[Planning your next presentation](#): This simple three-step approach helps you build a relationship with your listeners, encourages the audience to stay focused and interested, and connects them with your message.

COUNCIL NEWS

PWSRCAC closely followed the [T/V Seabulk Pride grounding](#) near Nikiski in February and posted as much reliable information as possible on our Web site, with links to Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC), Cook Inlet Regional Citizens' Advisory Council (CIRCAC), the media, and other entities. Though the incident did not occur within our geographic scope, it did raise the issue of the need for a tanker escort system for tankers in Cook Inlet. Read more about [Prince William Sound's escort system](#).

Dan Gilson has accepted the position of project manager for Oil Spill Prevention & Response Operations. The **promotion** was effective March 1. At this time, staff continues its search to fill the Maritime Operations project manager position.

We will have our **outreach booth at three events this month**: Annual Ecotourism Conference, Alaska Natural Resource & Outdoor Education Association Conference, and Kachemak Bay Science Conference. Please see our [online calendar](#) for details.

The council's **Valdez office will be moving** this spring to a larger location across town. We will keep you posted. Phone and email contact information will remain the same.

Mark your calendars: The **date has changed for our September board meeting** in Homer. It will now be held September 18-19.

March 24, 2006, is the **17th anniversary of the Exxon Valdez oil spill**. At some locales in the sound, beneath the clean surface of the beach, residual layers of oil still remain. Learn more about lingering oil and what the council is doing to gather baseline data by visiting the council's [Long-term Environmental Monitoring Program \(LTEMP\)](#). For

additional information on injured resources and services and their recovery status, see that section of the [Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustees Council](#) site.

Q&A

Q: *Are green crabs good to eat?*

A: The European green crab, a species that is non-indigenous to Alaska and one that has not yet been detected in Prince William Sound, is edible, but since the crabs are small, picking the meat out is tedious. If you think you have found this invasive species in Alaska, please contact us, or call the Alaska Department of Fish & Game at 1-877-INVASIV (1-877-468-2748).

Q: *How can I find out what research projects are ongoing in Prince William Sound?*

A: See our interactive [2005 Regional Catalog of Research Projects](#) online.

READING ROOM

NEW: [December 15, 2005, Prince William Sound Tug Fleet Workshop Summary](#)

NEW: [Port Valdez Sediment Coring Program Final 2004 Monitoring Report](#)

NEW: [2005 Public Opinion Survey](#)

FEATURED LINKS

[Alaska Ocean Observing System \(AOOS\)](#), Prince William Sound pages

[Cordova Oil Spill Response Facility](#)

[E-Newsletter Tools on a Shoestring](#)



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